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Regional Director
Federal Power Commission
555 Battery Street, Room 415
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RE: Blue Lake Project No. 2230

Gentlemen:

The Department of Fish and Game has, in cooperation with the City of Sitka, completed evaluation of the impacts which flow variations have upon the fishery resources of the Medvetcha River as requested by your agency. Results of the study are included in the enclosed report Inventory and Cataloging, Special Management Problems (pages 55 thru 68).

In general, we recommend that the river's historical flow pattern be reestablished. This could be accomplished by maintaining 22 CFS discharge during January through April, 50 CFS during May through November, and 37 CFS during December.

The City of Sitka has reviewed the completed report and has no objections.

They did request authority to reduce the flows below the minimum mentioned in the report if "the health and welfare of the citizens of Sitka could be jeopardized by maintaining the minimum flows specified in the report." The Department of Fish and Game has no objection to this request provided we are allowed to review and comment upon any such decision prior to its being made.

Hopefully, with the eventual establishment of the proposed Green Lake facility much of the fishery resource-related problems on the Medvetcha River will be alleviated.

Sincerely,

James W. Brooks, Commissioner

Richard D. Reed

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Enclosure

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